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CARR WELCOMES CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR HIS 5G UPGRADE ORDER

Nearly Two Dozen Leaders Represent Communities from Across America

WASHINGTON, DC, June 2, 2020—FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr welcomed support for his 5G Upgrade Order from key congressional leaders on Tuesday.

Carr's order clarifies rules that expedite wireless tower modifications—including the work needed to deliver new, high-speed Internet services from existing towers. Making more efficient use of existing wireless towers can be less disruptive than building new towers and can enable quicker 5G upgrades at a lower cost.

"The 5G Upgrade Order will allow companies to improve their services in our communities now, when they need it the most," the congressional leaders wrote to the FCC. "Reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens to promote broadband deployment is a top priority for Congress, and we urge the Commission to approve this Order at your June Open Meeting," they added.

"I have spent time in many of the communities represented in this congressional letter—meeting with everyday Americans and local leaders alike in manufacturing plants, at schools, on farms, and during town halls," said Carr. "We must ensure that 5G services and the opportunities they enable extend to every community in the country. The 5G Upgrade Order the FCC will vote on next week will help realize that goal," Carr added.

The congressional letter, which is available here, was signed by Representatives Greg Walden (OR), Robert E. Latta (OH), Fred Upton (MI), John Shimkus (IL), Michael C. Burgess M.D. (TX), Steve Scalise (LA), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA), Brett Guthrie (KY), Pete Olson (TX), David B. McKinley (WV), Adam Kinzinger (IL), H. Morgan Griffith (VA), Gus M. Bilirakis (FL), Bill Johnson (OH), Billy Long (MO), Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN), Bill Flores (TX), Susan W. Brooks (IN), Markwayne Mullin (OK), Richard Hudson (NC), Tim Walberg (MI), Earl L. 'Buddy' Carter (GA), and Jeff Duncan (SC).

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